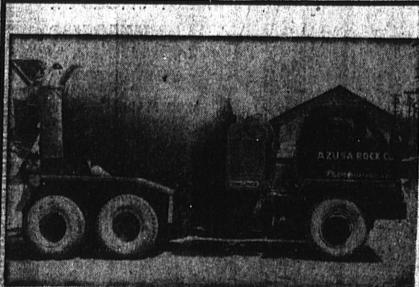


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Stork Doings, Church Carnival Big News of Week in Waleria

By BETTY MITCHELL
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There are several brand-new arrivals for our town, among them a little boy born to proud parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hardesty, of Cricklewood St. He was born Oct. 30, at San Pedro Community Hospital. The Hardestys have two other children, Richard and Edith.

An eight-pound girl joined the Fred Schless home on Neece Ave. Nov. 6, at the St. MacArthur Hospital. She will join sister Karen, 7, in the family home.

All the bustle and hurry of the women of the local WSCS was well rewarded last Friday when the ladies held their annual carnival at the Methodist church on Newton St. Using their newly completed educational unit for the first time, the ladies set up several gay booths for the occasion. There were home-made candies, clothes and toys for the youngsters, gifts both novel and

glamorous, aprons of many types, stitney and a parcel post booth where packages from all over the U.S. were offered for sale. For those who developed an appetite wandering around the bazaar there were hot dogs, chili, home-made cake, pie, milk and coffee offered for sale.

Many hearts were saddened last week when Mrs. Nora Venable, 70, passed away suddenly in the family home on Ward St. Mrs. Venable had been a resident of Waleria for 52 years, and was a real pioneer of our community.

Almost 100 young people attended a dance held at Nickle's Ranch on Newton St. Nov. 6. Dancing to records and nibbling on snacks from a well supplied table, the young people all had a good time. This reporter for one is glad to see such an activity offered the young people here in their own community where entertainment for their st is needed so badly.

Lots of us here are wondering why lately those "meanest" people are paying visits to our Waleria homes. Missing after these unwelcome guests have departed have been, among other things, a brand new lawn mower from the Kemerson home, on 242nd St., a year-old power mower from the Robert Waegner home, on Winlock Dr. A leather jacket, from the George Stark residence, on Danaha St. It would be a wise move on all our parts to lock cars parked on the street, and lock doors and windows in our homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Ketterling, of Neece Ave., made a recent trip to the Salton Sea.

Halloween was really a holiday for the George Starks, of Danaha St., since hubby was able to get home over the holiday to visit with his family. His leave was a busy one with Halloween parties and a three day visit to Big Bear.

One of the biggest birthday parties held here in Waleria was had by six-year-old Pamela Preels recently when she was hostess to 38 friends who stopped in to wish her a happy birthday. Games and

Television Listed as Competitor And Aid to Leisure Book Reading

By TOM RISCHÉ
Television is both a competitor and an aid to book reading as a leisure time activity, Mrs. Dorothy Jamieson, Torrance librarian, noted as the library began observance of Book Week.

"When television first came out," she said, "there was a notable drop in book reading, but now that the novelty has worn off, many persons have started reading more."

"On the other hand, many of the books most in demand at the Torrance Library and its Waleria and North Torrance branches are those reviewed and publicized on television, radio, and in newspapers," she said.

Best Sellers Popular
"The book preference of the town has changed slightly over the years," Mrs. Jamieson said, "in that books on the best seller lists and those ad-

vertisements made the afternoon a happy one for all the youngsters."

Attending a dinner for Eagle Scouts in the district at the Redondo Beach High School were several Waleria couples. Enjoying the banquet and program were Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Wiley, Mr. G. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. John Birmingham, Mr. and Mrs. William Butcher, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Waegner. Absent from the dinner was Mrs. C. A. Ams, who is on the east coast visiting relatives.

There is still time to get in on the Annual Turkey drawing sponsored by the Waleria Business Men's Club. This year it will be held on Nov. 20, at Nickle's Ranch on Newton Ave. On that evening there will be fun for all dancing and getting acquainted. Any member of the Business Men's Club will be glad to sell you a ticket.

Today is the second meeting of the local PTA in an afternoon meeting.

The Carl Cramers took a few days off last week, and took a well earned vacation and a short trip.

used over radio and television have become increasingly popular.

"There seems to be less browsing and more demand for the books that everybody else is reading," she noted. "When a book is reviewed on television, or in the newspapers, there is almost always an instant demand for it," she pointed out.

"Norman Vincent Peale's 'Power of Positive Thinking,' Elmer Davis' 'But We Were Born Free' and Herbert Philbrick's 'I Led Three Lives,' all non-fiction best sellers, are among the leading books in circulation in Torrance," she said.

Fiction Leads List
"Best-selling fiction such as 'Not as a Stranger' by Morton Thompson, 'A Time to Love and a Time to Hate' by Erich Maria Remarque, and 'Never Victorious, Never Defeated' by Taylor Caldwell are also quite popular here."

"In the number of books checked out, fiction leads non-fiction by almost two to one. 'There is increasing demand for non-fiction in a lighter vein such as Rosemary Taylor's 'Chicken Every Sunday,' and Cornelia Otis Skinner's 'Dithers and Jitters,'" Mrs. Jamieson said.

"When a movie is made of a novel, a corresponding demand arises for the book," she noted. "Currently popular are such novels as 'The Magnificent Obsession,' 'Gone With the Wind,' and 'The Egyptian.'"

Reading Goes in Cycles
"Book reading," she declared, "often goes in cycles. During

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World War II, war stories were popular, but with the return of peace, travel stories became more popular.

"Technical books are always popular among persons working for better jobs, but books on 'how to do it' have gained ever-increasing popularity."

Mrs. Jamieson attributed this fact to an increasing amount of work done by persons on their homes. "Formerly," she said, "most persons hired their labor done."

"Almost forgotten," she declared, "are works by such classic writers as Hawthorne, Poe, and Dickens."

People Read Less
"Figures seem to show that Torrance citizens are not reading as much as they used to, since 1948 an average of 3.68 books were checked out from the library for each person in town. So far this year, indications are that the average will be about 2.88 books per person. "Since only about 20 per cent

of the town's citizens hold library cards, many people read much more than the average, while many others probably read no books at all per year.

"Other factors...such as the rapid growth of the town, the availability of libraries, and persons who use other libraries—tend to distort findings.

"Library circulation has more than doubled since 1948, while the population of Torrance has tripled. In 1948, the library loaned out an average of 6366 books per month, compared with 12,536 per month this year. The population jumped from 17,450 to 52,034 during that period.

"About one third of Torrance's 9939 book borrowers are children," Mrs. Jamieson concluded.

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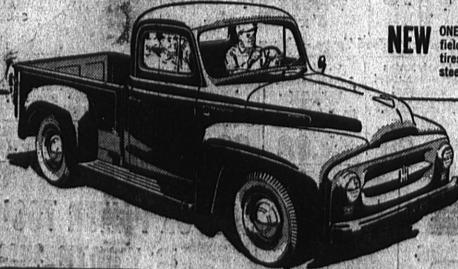
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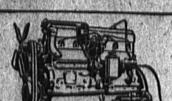
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